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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 179594 TOSEC 080115

FOR DAVID ANDERSON IN SECRETARY'S PARTY FROM NEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP, PGOV, LE, US

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: PROPOSED MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT
SARKIS OF LEBANON (S/S 7814204)

WE HAVE TALKED TO WARREN CHRISTOPHER ABOUT THE FOLLOWING,
WHO BELIEVES YOU SHOULD BRING IT TO SECRETARY'S ATTENTION
AT AN EARLY MOMENT.

1. ISSUE FOR DECISION:

WHETHER YOU SHOULD SEND A MESSAGE TO SARKIS PRAISING AND
SUPPORTING HIS DECISION NOT TO RESIGN.

2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS:

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SARKIS HAS JUST ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT HE HAS DECIDED NOT
TO RESIGN AND DESCRIBED SOME OF THE STEPS HE CONSIDERS
NECESSARY TO RESOLVE THE CURRENT CRISIS. PARKER BELIEVES
A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FROM YOU TO SARKIS--WHICH WILL BE
PLAYED IN THE BEIRUT PRESS--WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS JUNC-
TURE. YOUR EARLIER ORAL MESSAGE TO HIM, ONLY MINUTES AFTER
HE INFORMED PARKER OF HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN, CAUSED HIM

TO REFLECT AND UNQUESTIONABLY CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DECISION
TO STAY IN OFFICE.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO BEIRUT CONTAINING
YOUR MESSAGE TO SARKIS: (BEGIN TEXT)

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO SARKIS

PLEASE CONVEY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO SARKIS THE FOLLOW-
ING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY: (BEGIN TEXT)

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WAS GREATLY RELIEVED AND HEARTENED BY YOUR DECISION TO
REMAIN IN OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LEBANON
AND BY YOUR DETERMINATION TO LEAD THE LEBANESE PEOPLE OUT
OF THE MANY TROUBLES WHICH HAVE BESET THEM FAR TOO LONG.
THE UNITED STATES WARMLY WELCOMES YOUR RESOLVE TO KEEP
YOUR HAND AT THE HELM AT THIS IMPORTANT MOMENT IN THE
HISTORY OF LEBANON. THE CITIZENS OF LEBANON WILL, WE TRUST,
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SUPPORT YOUR LEADERSHIP AS YOU SEEK TO RESTORE PEACE AND
STABILITY, TO REBUILD NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND TO PRE-
SERVE NATIONAL UNITY.

SINCERELY,

CYRUS VANCE (END TEXT)

WE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO SARKIS RELEASING THIS MESSAGE TO
THE PRESS. (END TEXT OF PROPOSED CABLE.)

THAT YOU APPROVE FOR TRANSMISSION THE ABOVE TEXT.

APPROVE ----- DISAPPROVE -----

4. DRAFTED BY: NEA/ARN:MDRAPER

- CLEARED BY: IO:CWMAYNES

- - NEA:HHTAUNDERS

APPROVED BY: D:WCHRISTOPHER

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